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SUBJECT: FCO ON RECOGNITION OF NEW AFGHAN GOVERNMENT

L. IN CONVERSATION WITH WHITE, HEAD OF FCO SOUTH ASIA DEPT., AFTERNOON OF MAY 2, EMBOFF COMPARED NOTES ON BASIS OF MOST RECENT REPORTING FROM KABUL AND DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE TELEGRAMS. PRIMARY ISSUE ON WHITE'S MIND WAS WHETHER AND WHEN TO RECOGNIZE NEW REGIME. BRITISH EM-BASSY IN KABUL HAS REPORTED MEETINGS OF OECD AMBASSADORS, AND FCO IS INCLINED TO RECOGNIZE NEW REGIME IN CONCERT WITH OTHER OECD GOVERNMENTS. HOWEVER, DECISION HAS NOT YET BEEN MADE AND MIGHT NOT BE FIRMED UP IN TIME TO BE TRANSMITTED UNTIL THE END OF THE WEEK. WHITE ASKED US TO LET HIM KNOW SOONEST WHAT WE DECIDE TO DO. PENDING IN-STRUCTIONS, EMBOFF DID NOT GO INTO DETAILS OF KABUL'S 3397 OTHER THAN TO CONFIRM COORDINATING MEETINGS OF OECD AMBASSADORS IN KABUL ON THIS ISSUE.

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2. WHITE GAVE EMBOFF UK CRITERIA FOR RECOGNITION IN FOLLOWING TERMS: "THE GOVERNMENT MUST ENJOY WITH A REASONABLE PROSPECT OF PERMANENCY THE OBEDIENCE OF THE MASS OF THE POPULATION AND THE EFFECTIVE CONTROL OF MUCH THE GREATER PART OF THE TERRITORY". NO MORAL JUDGMENTS ARE INVOLVED. THE ONLY REMAINING QUESTION IN WHITE'S MIND SEEMED TO BE WHETHER IRAN, PAKISTAN, OR A COMMON-

WEALTH COUNTRY MIGHT HAVE SOME OBJECTION TO BRITISH
RECOGNITION.

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